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13 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/E/I/GI

SUBJECT: Manuel ARTIME Buesa

In a conversation this date with Pedro Luis DIAZ Lanz, he went into great detail in explaining his worries that Subject might be a Communist agent. Diaz Lanz commented that both of ARTIME's parents had been Communists, that ARTIME himself had only joined Castro "as if by magic" in the Sierras in December 1958, and had later left the country with great ease. Diaz Lanz mentioned that the FEP surely knew that an exile opposition would be formed, and very possibly sent ARTIME out early in order to penetrate any such organization. According to Diaz Lanz, ARTIME is the typical "glad-hand" who is friendly to everyone and always too easy to get along with. Diaz Lanz requested that ARTIME's case be studied and that we assure ourselves of his bonafides.

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